

Pima South Regional Partnership Council

Call to Order/Welcome and Council Introductions

A Special Meeting of the First Things First Pima South Regional Partnership Council was held on November 13, 2014 at Continental School District, Board Room, 1991 S Madera Canyon Road, Green Valley, Arizona, 85614.

Chair Connie Espinoza called the meeting to order at approximately 9:42 a.m.

Members Present: Connie Espinoza, Fran Driver, Debbie Palmer, Virginia Juettner, Nyki Harrington, Sagrario Ramirez, Linda Kubiak, Cyndi Barningham, and Susan Pace

Members Absent: Tony Bruno and Paul Ohm

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by member Debbie Palmer that the Pima South Regional Partnership Council approve the minutes of the October 11, 2014 Pima South Regional Partnership Council meeting, seconded by member Cyndi Barningham. Motion carried.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Chair Connie Espinoza introduced the agenda item and asked members to state any conflicts of interest.

The following members declared a conflict of interest:

Connie Espinoza-due to employment with Child & Family Resources, which is a grantee or sub grantee of the following strategies: *Community-Based Professional Development, Quality First, Quality First Scholarships* and *Home Visitation*.

Linda Kubiak –due to employment with Vail Unified School District Child Care Center, which benefits or has the potential to benefit from the following strategies: *Quality First, Quality First Scholarships, and Center Based Literacy*.

Virginia Juettner- due to employment with Continental School District, which benefits from the following strategies: *Quality First, Quality First Scholarships, and Center Based Literacy*. She later stated that she felt she had a conflict with *College Scholarships for Early Education Professionals*, as her teachers benefit.

Debbie Palmer-due to employment with Shepherd's Fold Preschool, which benefits from the following strategies: *Quality First, Center Based Literacy, and Quality First Scholarships*. She stated she previously had declared a conflict with *REWARD\$* but neither she nor her center receives financial benefit and therefore she does not have a conflict.

Fran Driver-due to employment with Desert Senita Health Clinic, a grantee/sub grantee on the following strategies: *Home Visitation, and Oral Health*.

Member Paul Ohm was not present, but had previously declared conflicts with *Home Visitation, Quality First, Quality First Scholarships, Center Based Literacy*; due to employment with Ocotillo Early Childhood Center, which benefits or had recently benefited (in the case of *Quality First & Scholarships*) from these strategies.

Discussion & Possible Approval: Fiscal Year 2016 Strategic Planning

Chair Connie Espinoza introduced the agenda item and turned the floor over to Regional Director Eleanor Droegemeier. Ms. Droegemeier provided a brief overview of the work done by the regional council in the last couple months on funding planning for 2016 and the two documents that show their recommendations. She provided a bit of information on each strategy prior to the chair's call for motions and vote. Ms. Droegemeier announced that due to conflicts of interest and a council member without conflicts who was unable to attend due to illness, *Quality First & Quality First Scholarships* will have to be discussed at an additional meeting.

Chair Connie Espinoza passed the Chair to Vice Chair Fran Driver.

Community-Based Professional Development for Early Care and Education Professionals

A motion was made by member Nyki Harrington that the Pima South Regional Partnership Council approve the Community Based Professional Development for Early Care and Education Professionals strategy for Fiscal Year 2016 with an estimated funding allotment of \$425,000 to serve approximately 170 early childhood professionals with the intent of coordinating with the other Regional Partnership Councils in Pima County for a multi-region Request for Grant Application, seconded by member Linda Kubiak. Motion carried by roll call vote, member Connie Espinoza did not participate due to conflict of interest.

Vice Chair Fran Driver passed the Chair to Chair Pro-Temporae Debbie Palmer.

Home Visitation

A motion was made by member Linda Kubiak that the Pima South Regional Partnership Council approve the Home Visitation strategy for Fiscal Year 2016 with an estimated funding allotment of \$2,002,055 to serve approximately 667 families total with the intent of coordinating with the Pima North region for a multi-region Request for Grant Application and issuing a separate RFGA for serving 20 families in the community of Ajo, seconded by member Susan Pace. Discussion was had at length regarding possible intents for targeting a specific population or multiple populations. Motion and second withdrawn.

A motion was made by member Linda Kubiak that the Pima South Regional Partnership Council approve the Home Visitation strategy with a focus on families with high needs for Fiscal Year 2016 with an estimated funding allotment of \$2,002,055 to serve approximately 667 families total with the intent of coordinating with the Pima North region for a multi-region Request for Grant Application and issuing a separate RFGA for serving 20 families in the community of Ajo—member Pace requested further amendment based on discussion. Motion withdrawn and amended.

A motion was made by member Linda Kubiak that the Pima South Regional Partnership Council approve the Home Visitation strategy with a focus on a population of pre-natal to age three & (families with) high needs for Fiscal Year 2016 with an estimated funding allotment of \$2,002,055 to serve approximately 667 families total with the intent of coordinating with the Pima North region for a multi-region Request for Grant Application and issuing a separate RFGA for serving 20 families in the community of Ajo, seconded by member Pace. Motion carried by roll call vote, members Connie Espinoza and Fran Driver did not participate due to conflict of interest.

Chair pro-temporae Debbie Palmer passed the Chair back to Chair Connie Espinoza.

Language, Communication and Literacy in Early Care and Education Settings

A motion was made by member Susan Pace that Pima South Regional Partnership Council approve the Language, Communication and Literacy in Early Care and Education Settings strategy for Fiscal Year 2016 with an estimated funding allotment of \$150,000 to serve 100 early care and education programs through a Request for Grant Application, seconded by member Nyki Harrington. Discussion occurred around possible cross-regionally issuing an RFGA after the Pima North regional council's meeting and decision to fund the same strategy the previous evening. Motion and second withdrawn.

A motion was made by member Susan Pace that Pima South Regional Partnership Council approve the Language, Communication and Literacy in Early Care and Education Settings strategy for Fiscal Year 2016 with an estimated funding allotment of \$150,000 to serve 100 early care and education programs through a Request for Grant Application and the Pima South Regional Council partner with Pima North Regional Council, seconded by Nyki Harrington. Motion carried by roll call vote, members Debbie Palmer, Virginia Juettner, and Linda Kubiak did not participate due to conflict of interest.

Family, Friend & Neighbor

A motion was made by member Cyndi Barningham that the Pima South Regional Partnership Council approve the Family, Friend & Neighbor strategy in Fiscal Year 2016 with an estimated funding allotment of \$160,000 to serve 80 providers with the intent of coordinating with the Pima North region for a multi-region Request for Grant Application, seconded by member Susan Pace. Discussion was had around the intended target areas. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Parenting Education

A motion was made by member Susan Pace that the Pima South Regional Partnership Council approve the Parenting Education strategy for Fiscal Year 2016 with an estimated funding allotment of \$80,000 to serve approximately 80 adults residing in the 85706 and 85746 zip codes with the intent of coordinating with the Pima North region for a multi-region Request for Grant Application, seconded by member Linda Kubiak. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Parenting Outreach and Awareness

A motion was made by member Linda Kubiak that the Pima South Regional Partnership Council approve the Parenting Outreach and Awareness strategy to provide parenting workshops and supported parent and child interactive play opportunities for Fiscal Year 2016 with an estimated funding allotment of \$200,000 to provide approximately 400 parenting workshops through a Request for Grant Application, seconded by member Debbie Palmer. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Service Coordination

A motion was made by member Debbie Palmer that the Pima South Regional Partnership Council approve the Service Coordination strategy for Fiscal Year 2016 with an estimated funding allotment of \$100,000 to serve the communities of Amado, Arivaca, Sasabe, Summit View and Three Points through a Request for Grant Application, seconded by member Cyndi Barningham. Motion carried by roll call vote.

College Scholarships for Early Education Professionals

A motion was made by member Susan Pace that the Pima South Regional Partnership Council approve the College Scholarships for Early Childhood Professionals strategy for Fiscal Year 2016 with an estimated funding allotment of \$10,800 for support of 1 scholar pursuing a Bachelor's degree through an amendment to the statewide contract, seconded by member Nyki Harrington. Discussion was had around a concern that more scholarships might be needed. Chair Espinoza called on a member of the audience with knowledge of current Associates scholars for an estimate of the number of students who might be ready and interested in advancing to Bachelor's level study. Ms. Shanna Kukla explained the 75/45 credit model and said that 30 in Pima County, clarifying at least 5 in Pima South, had or would be completing their 75 credits at the community college level and could move to Bachelor's by spring or fall. Members had further discussion regarding a desire to assist more students now, and conversation regarding where such funding, if desired by the group, could be pulled from. Motion and second withdrawn.

A motion was made by member Susan Pace that the Pima South Regional Partnership Council approve the College Scholarships for Early Childhood Professionals strategy for Fiscal Year 2016 with an estimated funding allotment of \$21,600 for support of 2 scholars pursuing a Bachelor's degree through an amendment to the statewide contract, seconded by member Nyki Harrington. Motion carried by roll call vote, member Virginia Juettner did not participate due to conflict of interest.

FTF Professional REWARD\$

A motion was made by member Debbie Palmer that the Pima South Regional Partnership Council approve the FTF Professional REWARD\$ strategy with an estimated funding allotment of \$259,200 to provide a minimum of 192 Professional REWARD\$ incentives for Fiscal Year 2016 with the intent that up to 50 % of funds will be distributed during the first half of the fiscal year and the remaining 50 % in the second half of the fiscal year, through an amendment to the statewide contract, seconded by member Cyndi Barningham. Motion carried by roll call vote, member Virginia Juettner stated a point of disclosure that her teachers benefit, but she does not benefit directly financially.

Mental Health Coordination

A motion was made by member Nyki Harrington that the Pima South Regional Partnership Council approve the Mental Health Consultation strategy for Fiscal Year 2016 with an estimated funding allotment of \$172,500 to serve approximately 14 early care and education providers with the intent of coordinating with the Pima North region for a multi-region Request for Grant Application, seconded by member SAGRARIO Ramirez. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Oral Health

A motion was made by member Virginia Juettner that the Pima South Regional Partnership Council approve the Oral Health strategy for Fiscal Year 2016 with an estimated funding allotment of \$232,500 to provide oral health screenings and fluoride varnish applications to approximately 2,612 children, oral health screenings to 60 prenatal women, oral health trainings to 200 adults and 44 health professionals through a Request for Grant Application, seconded by member Linda Kubiak. Motion carried by roll call vote. Vice Chair Fran Driver did not participate due to conflict of interest.

Cross-Regional Communications

A motion was made by member Susan Pace that the Pima South Regional Partnership Council approve the Cross-Regional Communications strategy in Fiscal Year 2016 with estimated funding allotments of: \$10,000 for Community Awareness, \$33,200 for Community Outreach and \$59,127 for Paid Media, seconded by member Cyndi Barningham. Member Cyndi Barningham stated she would like to thank member Susan Pace for her continued support of this vital work. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Statewide Evaluation

A motion was made by member Susan Pace that Pima South Regional Partnership Council approve \$327,599 for statewide evaluation activities in Fiscal Year 2016, seconded by member Sagrario Ramirez. Motion carried by roll call vote 7 in favor and 1 abstention by Vice Chair Fran Driver.

Break 12:01-12:11

Chair Connie Espinoza called the meeting back to order and turned the floor over to Eleanor Droegemeier, who spoke briefly regarding the unfunded approaches provided in attachment #4 and the process of their inclusion in the funding plans this year.

Community Awareness and Outreach Update

Chair Connie Espinoza introduced the Agenda Item and turned the floor over to Ms. DeMars. Ms. DeMars stated she wished to focus on her work with the business community. She spoke about her work with Greater Tucson Leadership, TREO and the work of a champion and business owner, the director/owner of Sunshine School in Oro Valley. Ms. DeMars highlighted a few items from her report and shared information about some exciting upcoming events regarding business community members and legislators. She invited members to attend multiple events.

Call to the Public

Fania Bevill, *Casa de Los Niños*, Nurse Family Partnership: Ms. Bevill thanked the regional council and spoke about the overlap between the populations the Regional Council spoke about wanting to target with Home Visitation, and the populations already being served by Nurse Family Partnerships, including teen parents, mothers with behavioral health issues, and parents who were in Child Protective Services themselves as children. She provided a handout that showed the positive measureable impact Nurse Family Partnership is having in Arizona.

Julie Friberg, *Make Way for Books*: Ms. Friberg thanked the regional council and provided an update on some recent professional development opportunities and their success with providers.

Christine Hill, *Teen Outreach Pregnancy Services (TOPS)*: Ms. Hill provided information and handouts about the TOPS programs for fathers and their successes, stating that their staff have the only certified person in Pima County for the Boot Camp for New Dads program.

Leah Eckley, *Southwest Human Development*, Smart Support: Ms. Eckley introduced herself to the regional council and thanked them for expanding Mental Health Consultation. She stated that they have been the grantee of the strategy since the beginning, and if they continue to be, they already have a consultant who lives in Pima South and would be delighted to work in the region. She ended by sharing a handout of the positive impact the Mental Health Consultation is having on children and families.

Recommended Future Agenda Items

Chair Espinoza asked members for any future agenda items. No members shared items at this time.

Council Announcements

Chair Espinoza made an announcement regarding a new video to go with the For Our Babies campaign. She provided some background information and handed out cards regarding the video.

Ms. Droegemeier made an announcement about an upcoming opportunity for providers who work with military veterans and their families. She had provided a flyer and invited those in attendance to spread the word.

Administrative Assistant Siobhan McDonald reminded members about their required trainings, stating to look for an email from her if they had yet to be completed.

Next Meeting – November 20th – Town of Sahuarita, Council Chambers, 375 S Sahuarita Center Way, Sahuarita, Arizona 85629

Chair Espinoza and the remaining members determined that instead of the November 20 meeting, a telephonic meeting would be scheduled based on availability of members without conflict of interest for the two remaining strategies needing approval. Additionally, Chair Espinoza asked members if they felt they needed a December meeting, which council members felt they did not. Chair Espinoza stated that Eleanor will contact members to set up next week's telephonic meeting, and that the next regular meeting will be January 8, 2015 in Ajo, which she strongly encouraged members to attend.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Chair Connie Espinoza adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:42 p.m.

Submitted By _____
Siobhan McDonald, Administrative Assistant

Approved By _____
Connie Espinoza, Chair

Dated this ____ day of _____, 20 ____.

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